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The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled) A method for making tiles comprising the steps of:

a) preparing a semifinished tile having a first face and a second face; and

b) making a plurality of holes suitable for connecting said first face to said second face.

2. (Canceled) The method, of Claim 1, wherein said second face of said semifinished tile is made with at least one shallow groove forming a channel of communication between the side edge of said tile and said holes, said or each groove defining substantially a path for air flow between the floor and said tiles up to said holes and then into the room at the side of the first face.

3. (Canceled) The method, of Claim 1, wherein said holes are made as an array of small holes while moulding said tile.

4. (Canceled) The method, of Claim 1, wherein said tiles are made of leather.

5. (Canceled) The method, of Claim 4, wherein before making said holes the further steps are provided of:

i) introducing the semifinished leather tile in a plastic resin injection mould with said first face oriented towards below;

ii) injecting the plastic resin in said mould, the resin filling the remaining free space;

iii) hardening the plastic resin that becomes integral to said semifinished leather tile, said holes bringing into communication the first face of the semifinished leather tile and the lower face of the layer of hardened resin.

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(Canceled) The method, of Claim 5, wherein said step of making a layer of plastic resin 6.

on said second face of the semifinished leather tile is made after the step of making a plurality of

holes, whereby when injecting the resin in the mould the resin fills also the space where the holes

are made.

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7. (Canceled) The method, of Claim 6, wherein further comprising the step of piercing said

file with at least one hole for connecting said first face of the semifinished leather tile to the

lower face of the layer of hardened resin.

8. (Canceled) The method, of Claim 7, wherein said holes are made through a portion of

resin visible on the first face and hardened within at least one hole made in said semifinished

leather tile.

9. (Currently Amended) A leather tile for room lining for use in a heated floor system,

comprising: a first face, a second face and a plurality of holes suitable for connecting said first

face and said second face, wherein a layer of plastic resin is provided that becomes integral to

said second face, said layer of plastic resin having a lower face, said holes bringing into

communication said first face and said lower face, whereby said holes can conduct air from said

lower face to said first face.

10. (Currently Amended) The leather tile, of Claim 9, wherein said second lower face of

semifinished leather tile further-comprises at least one shallow groove suitable for connecting the

side edge of said leather tile with the portion where said holes are made.

(Canceled) The leather tile of Claim 9, wherein said tile is associated to a layer of plastic 11.

resin having an upper and a lower face that becomes integral to said second face of said leather

tile, said holes bringing into communication said first face of said leather tile and said lower face

of said layer of resin.

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12. (Currently Amended) The leather tile of Claim 119, wherein said portion of the layer of plastic resin fills said at least one of said plurality of holes of said aperture of the semifinished leather tile, said leather tile having at least one hole made through the portion of said hardened resin visible on said first face.

13. (Currently Amended) The leather tile of Claim 119, wherein said hardening resin has a side portion exceeding said second face of said semifinished leather tile forming an exterior edge that surrounds said leather.